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CLARION

SEPTEMBER, 2009

Be kind
For everyone you meet
Is fighting a great battle.
Philo of Alexandria

Those are powerful lines. Each line.

“Be kind.” One of the most significant challenges we hear in our discipleship sounds like this. Ephesians 4:32 tells us to be kind to one another. It is not easy. Ask Paul, the writer of that verse. Ask Jesus, the one whose kindness to certain people got him into trouble with the meanness of other people. People are like that. We are to be kind even to people like that, for they need kindness. “People need love the most who deserve it the least.” I forget who said that, but some wise sage of the past did. Be Kind.

“Everyone” is a big group. Philo lived centuries ago, and so the group would not be as big as today. The Bible does seem to know that “everyone” does have some common issues, problems and such. “There is nothing new under the sun,” one of the wisest said, so maybe what was true then is true now, and everyone is the correct term even if you and me are to be included.

“Fighting” is a strong term. Would “dealing with” be a better term? No; it would not be. It is a fight. We are taught that we each deal with an Adversary. Wouldn’t it be nice if we could say, “Everyone has fought...” and the meaning would be that the fight was in the past tense and currently, all is well. We would be kind for everyone is a veteran. That will not work; we are not vets yet. The Adversary is still rather active, even if you whipped him last year. The fight is current.

I do not know of a living soul (now some souls seem hollow and non-responsive), but I do not know a living soul that does not deal with the reality of the spiritual warfare that is part of our day. I do not like our “ism” words. We use them as though we are now in control since we can name it, and we are not in control of this war. I don’t like the “gen” words, (there is nothing new...not even in this generation). Every one of us needs everyone’s kindness. It is a pretty simple rule. Profound things will follow.

Be careful out there. Be full of care out there.



September 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		September 1	2	3	4	5
		Matthew Crouch Sharon Patterson 10:00am Staff Meeting	Joanne Bingaman Joe Bob Pirie (18) 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Connor Childs 10:00am MDO Open House 10:15am Music Ministry at Greatwood Retirement Center	Charles Slone Misty Brinko McPhee	Brad Bottoms Bryan Bottoms
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7:45am Deacons Breakfast and Meeting	**Labor Day-Office Closed** FBISD & LCISD Holiday Jerry Hall Kurtis Lowrey	Sandra Sedgwick Simon Finlayson 9:00am MDO First Day 9:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Poetry Class (Richmond Coffee Station)	Alicea Gardner 9:00am MDO 10:15am Music Ministry at Richmond Healthcare Center 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Bill Heideman Hutch Dvorak 9:00am MDO 3:00pm Cambridge Music Ministry	Emily Hall Kaylee Shoels-Adeniran Kyelee Shoels-Adeniran Susan Clements	Bob Rich
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Week of Prayer for Mary Hill Davis State Missions						
Claudia Wright 8:00am Nominating Committee Meeting 4:30pm Missions Committee Meeting 5:00pm Handbells Rehearsal 5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:00pm Mission Trip Report-Anice Divin (Room 202) 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study-McCarsons' Home	Hunter Edmondson	9:00am MDO 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Poetry Class (Richmond Coffee Station)	Annette Schmidt Linda Pavlicek 9:00am MDO 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Business Meeting* 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Jill Hugo Beene 9:00am MDO	Barbara Wade Pat Frank	Eliza Smith
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Week of Prayer for Mary Hill Davis	Abe Jones Jondalyn Russell Annette Tripp Aubrey Bills Henry Pavlicek Kathy Blackburn Marylin Farmer 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study (Room 202)	Linda Malota 9:00am MDO 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Poetry Class (Richmond Coffee Station)	Anice Divin 9:00am MDO 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Marilda Hugo 9:00am MDO	Fort Bend County Fair Day LCISD Holiday Tanna Lukas	Brandy Robertson Heidi Henderson
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8:00am Family Ministry Committee Meeting 5:00pm Handbells Rehearsal 6:00pm ADT* (Room 202) 6:00pm Youth 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	Chelsey Love Diane Powers 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study (Room 202)	James Murray 9:00am MDO 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Poetry Class (Richmond Coffee Station)	Arita Deibert Randy Longshore Susan Thorpe Telon Parker 9:00am MDO 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal			

Sunday mornings:
9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship*
*Childcare Provided